RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ESTABLISH AN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK IN DOWNTOWN HONOLULU-KAKA'AKO.

WHEREAS an estimated 45% of households on Oahu own at least one dog, according to a 2012 study sponsored by the Hawaiian Humane Society; and

WHEREAS off-leash dog parks provide several benefits to dogs, their guardians, and the community as a whole, including physical exercise, socialization, behavioral improvements, and promotion of responsible dog ownership; and

WHEREAS, within the Downtown-Honolulu and Kaka'ako neighborhoods, transit-oriented development is expected to contribute substantially to increased condominium and townhouse populations within this community by at least 30,000 by 2035; and

WHEREAS Kaka'ako residents, led by neighbors in the vicinity of Imperial Plaza, Royal Capitol Plaza, Keola Lai and One Waterfront Towers, have sought for the past four years the establishment of a dog park at a suitable site in their vicinity; and

WHEREAS Section 10-1.7(b) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH") authorizes the Director of Parks and Recreation ("Director") to designate public parks for use as off-leash parks for dogs; and

WHEREAS in making such a designation the Director is to consider the park's size, location, and frequency of use by members of the public, as well as the primary actual or designed use of each park or area included in the designation; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that earlier efforts to establish dog parks at the Kawaiahao Mini-Park and Mother Waldron Park have encountered lot size, noise level and other limitations associated with, among other things, the ongoing plans for development of a vertical elementary school to replace Pohukaina School in Kaka'ako; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the City-owned parcel bounded by South/Alapai, Beretania, Punchbowl and King Streets is worthy of consideration for designation of specified locations within the area as an unleashed (fenced) dog park that encourages greater off-hours neighborhood usage and reduces the likelihood of illegal or other undesirable activity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the City Administration and Department of Parks and Recreation to establish

an off-leash dog park within the City-owned parcel bounded by South/Alapai, Beretania, Punchbowl and King Streets, or at another City-owned site within the vicinity of Downtown Honolulu-Kaka'ako that is deemed suitable by Department of Parks and Recreation and neighboring residents for such use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration and Department of Parks and Recreation are requested report their findings to the Council no later than 180 days after the adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Chair of the Board of Parks and Recreation, the Chair of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board #11, the Friends of Kaka'ako and the Councilmembers for Council Districts V and VI.

INTRODUCED BY:

Carol Fukunaga

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAY 8 2017

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

C E R T I F I C A T E

RESOLUTION 17-133

Introduced: 05/08/17   By: CAROL FUKUNAGA   Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ESTABLISH AN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK IN DOWNTOWN HONOLULU-KAKA'AKO.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

06/27/17	PARKS, COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES	CR-250 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
07/12/17	COUNCIL	CR-250 AND RESOLUTION 17-133 WERE ADOPTED.
		9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

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RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER